

News of the Day.

Paul Maurice, who was a collaborator with Dumas and the most intimate friend of Victor Hugo, died in Paris yesterday.

Charles A. Peabody, the lawyer, financier and railroad director, will be made president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

France has refused to withdraw her note to Venezuela protesting against Castro's treatment of M. Taigoy, the French diplomatic representative.

Prince Min, the Korean minister, had a conference with the President yesterday and told him a pathetic story of the Japanese officials' treatment of Korea.

Representative Landis (Ind.) yesterday introduced a bill, under the terms of which it will be possible to obtain from life insurance companies full statements of their business operations.

Benjamin G. Stonestreet, former clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles county, Maryland, and one of the most prominent citizens of Charles county, died at his late residence, La Platte, Sunday night, of apoplexy, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

The Armstrong committee in New York yesterday was informed that Thos. F. Ryan probably will answer the questions to which he refused to reply last week. District Attorney Jerome having given an opinion that he should do so and his counsel having advised him to comply.

What seemed to be a very serious matter between Germany and Brazil Saturday is, according to developments of today, in a fair way of being cleared up. It was said at the German Embassy today that apology and reparation will probably be made for the seizure of Steinoff by the officers and men of the Panther at Itajay.

At Shamokin, Pa., today President Mitchell set at rest rumors of President Roosevelt's mediation between anthracite operators and miners to guide them to an agreement. Mr. Mitchell said: "The President has not mentioned the anthracite coal situation to me nor have I to him since I was called to Washington during the strike of 1902."

Miss Olivia Floyd died at her home, Rose Hill, Charles county, Md., on last Friday night, in the eightieth year of her age. She was noted during the civil war for her services to the lost cause, having carried many secret messages across the lines on horseback and often hid in her large old dwelling oldiers of the southern army.

Mr. Tillman yesterday introduced his railroad-rate bill to explain it to the Senate. It amends the act to regulate interstate commerce by giving to the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to fix "a maximum reasonable rate" when it is determined that an existing rate is unjust or unreasonable, and the rate so fixed shall be the only legal rate charged. Senators Foraker and Knox disagreed with the Senate on the right of a commission to regulate railroad rates. Senator Foraker declared his intention to oppose rate control.

Trouble is threatened on the Turkish-Persian frontier, at the village of Mosul and in the neighborhood of Bayazid on the frontier. Those points have never been exactly delimited. Five thousand armed Persians are now gathered in the district of Subulak, southward of Lake Urmiah, and they threaten to invade and take possession of a strip of territory in the vilayet of Mosul claimed by Turkey. Two battalions of Ottoman troops with three guns, have been dispatched to repel the invasion, and the governor of Mosul is calling for more reinforcements. A similar situation exists on the frontier in the neighborhood of Bayazid.

Fire destroyed the Neversink Planing Mill and damaged the Excelsior Brass Works at Reading, Pa., early this morning. Several houses perished. Loss \$5,500.

Affairs in Russia.

The situation in the Baltic provinces is reported as being frightful, the streets of Liga "flowing with blood," drawn by machine guns, and Livonia being in absolute anarchy.

The government, it is said, has abandoned the project for universal suffrage. It seems the telegraphers' strike is weakening in places, but the agitation for a general strike continues.

Reaction and revolution confront each other in a death struggle. The government is entering upon the fatal path of repression and Witte's ministry seems doomed. Witte has apparently yielded to court influences and decided against universal suffrage. Witte has been opposed to armed repression, but there are indications that he is yielding to the advocates of it. It is again said the force of 400,000 Cossacks is to be mobilized to crush the revolution.

Durnovo, Minister of the Interior, is prosecuting the workmen's leaders. General Dedulin prefect of St. Petersburg, has refused to carry out his orders and has resigned.

Anarchy in its worst form prevails in Livonia. Railroad strikers in Riga were mowed down by machine guns and the streets run with blood.

Russian refugees arriving in New York say the present trouble is not racial persecution, but real revolution, led in many instances by police.

No Danger of Strike.

There is said to be no danger of a machinists' strike in the Washington yard this winter, according to James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists. Concerning the situation there, Mr. O'Connell said yesterday:

"The skilled machinists in the Washington navy yard get a maximum wage of \$3.36 and a minimum of \$2.97 a day. These wages are the lowest paid by government to skilled machinists in the city. The navy yard machinists want a flat rate of \$4 a day for skilled men. They will apply to the wage board for these advances and if they are not successful they will appeal to the Secretary of the Navy."

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Virginia News.

Matthias Miller, one of the oldest and best-known farmers of Frederick county, died at his home, at Opequon, yesterday afternoon, aged eighty-two years.

Jessie Cobb, a young man living near Emporia, Va., was shot and killed yesterday by D. E. Snow, aged 65, whose daughter, it is said, Cobb had slandered.

Mrs. George Clayton Purcell, wife of J. Perry Purcell, a prominent farmer, died at her home in Frederick county yesterday, after a year's illness of consumption, aged 30 years.

Mr. William Strother, a well-known young farmer of King George county, died Saturday morning, after an illness of five weeks with typhoid fever. He is survived by his wife and two small children.

Mr. Geo. E. Cole, a well-known citizen, of Fredericksburg, died at his home on Saturday night, aged 45 years. He is survived by three children, one of whom is Mr. E. Dorsey Cole, jr., of Alexandria.

Leet S. Moore, a wealthy real estate man, who went to Richmond four years ago and invested largely, died at the Retreat for the Sick yesterday, aged sixty-five years. The body will be taken to Pittsburgh for burial.

L. K. Culbertson, indicted for crookedness in the late Richmond city primaries, and who was the man most wanted on the charges of corruption heard during the three grand jury sessions following the primary, has been released from jail on bond of \$1,000.

Samuel T. Warriner, a laborer, last night stood on his doorstep in Richmond, and deliberately shot and killed his brother-in-law, Leo Lee, just as the latter was about to enter the house. Warriner was arrested and locked up. It was said that Lee had been ordered to leave the premises and not return. In spite of this he insisted upon coming to the house on all occasions and annoying the inmates.

New Cardinals.

As was stated in the Gazette, the Pope yesterday held a secret consistory, which was the second of his pontificate, in which he created new cardinals and apparently showed a tendency to have a better equilibrium between the foreign and Italian elements in the sacred college, as three of the four new cardinals are foreigners.

The ceremony was performed with the usual pomp. Nearly thirty cardinals were present. The pontiff appeared walking and preceded by, surrounded and followed by the gorgeous pontifical court. Then all withdrew except the members of the Sacred College, and the Pope read his allocution.

In it he said he wished he could give the cardinals pleasant and consoling news, but the conditions at the present time do not permit of consolation. Although, he continued, the Catholic faith is spreading more and more throughout the world, especially in dissident countries, on turning toward Catholic nations one feels sadness and fear lest the prediction of the scriptures is being verified, that the kingdom of the Lord will be removed to other people where it will produce good fruit.

Especially care and anxiety may be felt, he said, for the country heretofore called the eldest daughter of the church, but concerning the anti-Catholic laws passed there against the laws of justice, the Pope said he would speak in accordance with his apostolic office gravely and more fully at an opportune time. He exhorted the cardinals to prayer, recalling that the Lord will cause tranquility and peace to shine forth at the proper time.

The pontiff ended with saying that he intends to honor the whole Latin-American race by creating for the first time a cardinal belonging to that part of the world. He then announced the four new cardinals, among them, Mgr. J. A. De Acroverde de Albuquerque Cavalcanti, Archbishop of Rio Janeiro. The cardinals asserted that contrary to the popular impression the Pope did not create a fifth cardinal, but reserved the appointment in petto.

Later the Pope appointed a number of bishops.

The Late Senator Mitchell.

Only the flag floating at half mast over the Senate Chamber yesterday told the death of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon.

For the first time in the history of the Senate absolutely no notice was taken in any official manner of the death of a member of that body. It was believed that Senator Fulton, the colleague of the dead man, would announce the death of Mr. Mitchell during the day, but had he done so the Senate, in accordance with all former precedents, would have been compelled to adjourn at once as a mark of respect. The desk of the dead man was undraped. Indeed, during the day the Senators from time to time sat in his chair. It seemed that a general agreement had been reached to ignore in every way the death of Mr. Mitchell. In the House no reference was made to him. In that body the State of Oregon has no representative at all present, for of its two members, one is, like the late Senator Mitchell, convicted by a federal court, and the other is under indictment looking forward to an early trial.

Mr. Burton, of Kansas, has followed the example of Mr. Mitchell in resigning from all committees. His appeal from the second conviction is now before the Supreme Court of the United States. The secretary of the Senate yesterday took "judicial cognizance" of Mr. Mitchell's death by ordering his name stricken from the list of senators. So passes out of public life a man who, for the past 30 years, had at one time or another been one of the foremost members of the United States Senate.

Must Be Quick.

Pains in the stomach and attacks of the colic come on so suddenly and are so extremely painful that immediate relief must be obtained. There is no necessity of sending for a doctor in such cases if a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. No doctor can prescribe a better medicine. For sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

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Today's Telegraphic News.

Meriwether Sentenced.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The sentence passed by the Secretary of the Navy on Midshipman Minor Meriwether charged with the killing of Midshipman Branch at the Naval Academy is as follows: "To be confined to the limits of the academy for a period of one year and to be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy."

The sentence of the court martial was that Meriwether be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy and be confined strictly to the limits of the naval academy for one year. The Secretary modified the latter part of the sentence in so far as to permit the midshipman to go on the annual practice cruise, otherwise he will not be allowed outside of the academy grounds.

There were three charges against Meriwether: Manslaughter, violation of the eighth article for the government of the navy, and conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. On the first of these charges the court found "not guilty," of which finding the Secretary approves. Commenting on this, the Secretary, in his review of the case, says: "The autopsy disclosed certain facts which might justify a reasonable doubt whether the death was in fact due to blows inflicted by the accused, there being at least a possibility that it resulted from a fall. The accused was undoubtedly entitled to the benefit of any reasonable doubt, and the record discloses a state of proof which, if it did not compel, at least justified an acquittal on this charge."

The court found Meriwether guilty on the second and third charges, which covered the engaging by Meriwether in a fist fight with Branch, "wilfully assaulting him," and calling him "a sneak and a coward." Reviewing this portion of the case, Secretary Bonaparte says: "Although the accused had pleaded 'not guilty' to these charges, there was practically no dispute as to the facts, and the department has no hesitancy in approving the findings of the court. Inadequate evidence was offered tending to show that such fights had been of frequent occurrence, and only very inadequate penalties and usually no penalties whatever had been inflicted upon the participants. This evidence seems to the department altogether immaterial as affecting the guilt or innocence of the accused. There can be no such thing as a lawful custom to commit a crime. There was evidence to show that the accused was unfamiliar with the articles for the navy, but the department holds that he can claim no immunity on the ground of ignorance."

"The department has no difficulty in holding that the sentence is amply justified by the offense committed. There is, indeed, room for some doubt whether the punishment imposed might not have been justly made more severe. It is therefore ordered that the sentence be approved, but that so much of the penalty as might debar the accused from service on any practice ship attached to the academy be remitted."

The Secretary, in connection with his review of the case, goes at some length into the question of challenges, approving the action of the court in declining to receive challenges except in the case of one officer against whom the defense claimed to have information warranting the charge of prejudice. As regards the court's sustaining of the challenge against Commander Stanton, he says:

"The department would find some difficulty in approving the action of the court in this respect, if it were needful to pass upon the question. To hold that his merely casual expression of an opinion, founded upon a supposed state of facts, disqualified him as a member of the court might establish a dangerous precedent."

The Secretary holds that the court erred in not sustaining the challenge against Admiral McCormick, against whom the Judge Advocate at the close of the prosecution, made the charge that he had privately received advice from a medical expert as to certain portions of the evidence.

Attempt to Kill Sultan.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 12.—One of the chief officers of the Albanian body guards of Abdul Hamid, the Sultan of Turkey, has arrived here as a fugitive from Constantinople. According to the officer a serious affray occurred several nights ago in the palace between members of the body guard, owing to accusations of favoritism. Hearing the noise Abdul Hamid rushed to the scene. Some one in the crowd fired at the Sultan but the bullet was deflected from his body by the coat of mail which Abdul Hamid always wears. The Sultan at once returned to his rooms threatening the punishment of all the officers. The officer who has reached here says he fled immediately after the scene had been enacted. He does not know what became of the other men who were present during the affray.

Lightship Crew Rescued.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 12.—The lightship steamer Azalea, one of the boats sent to the rescue of Captain Jorgensen and his crew of twelve men on the sinking lightship No. 53, of Nantucket Shoals, returned here shortly after two o'clock this morning, with the lightship crew aboard. They were rescued by the lightship crew. When seen this morning shortly after his arrival Captain Jorgensen vividly related the terrible experience on the sinking ship.

Assaulted by a Negro.

York, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mary Ellen Vaughan, a ten-year-old child, while on her way to church last night was seized by a negro and dragged through one of the principal streets of the city to the old reservoir grounds and criminally assaulted. She was accompanied by her twelve-year-old brother, who did not at first realize the negro's intention. Other boys followed, and chased the negro out of the bushes where the child later appeared crying bitterly. Detectives and residents were searching all night and several arrests were made, but the men could not be identified.

A Bad Scare.

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The Market.

Georgetown, Dec. 12.—Wheat 65.61.

Packers Facing Jury.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—For the first time in the four years that they have been under investigation by the government the packers indicted on charges of conspiracy to raise the price of meat today faced a jury. A venire of 50 men was summoned to appear this morning in Judge Humphreys court in the federal building. From this venire twelve men will be chosen to hear this preliminary issue. The packers, through their counsel, allege they obtained immunity from prosecution by making full statements of their business to Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, while that official was investigating the meat packing business in Chicago last year. They declare that Garfield promised this immunity to all who testified before him and his agents. They also charge that evidence was seized without authority of law. The government attorneys deny that any such immunity was earned by the packers or promised them by any government official.

Anxiety for Gunboat.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—Up to nine o'clock this morning nothing had been heard of the gunboat Wasp, which started out Saturday night to render assistance to the brig Harry Smith, which was in a bad position at the entrance of Vineyard sound. Much anxiety for the Wasp's safety is felt by the officials at the torpedo and training stations. The Wasp is the converted yacht Columbia, which was bought by the government at the outbreak of the Spanish war. She carries a crew of 80 men.

The torpedo station at Newport, R. I., has just received word from the life saving station that one of the yachts now in the service of the government, probably either the Hist or the Wasp, is approaching the harbor. The identity of the vessel will be known within an hour.

Proposal Rejected.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11 (via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 12).—The government has rejected the proposal for the formation of a constituent assembly to deal with the subject of giving the country universal suffrage.

Annual Dinner.

The Virginia Democratic Association of Washington held its twenty-fifth annual dinner at the Riggs House, in that city, last night. There were about 120 members of the association present, and a few guests from other States. Speeches were made by Mr. J. T. Elyson, Hon. H. T. Flood, Representative E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina; Capt John Lamb, of Virginia; Creed Fulton, of Washington, and State Senator L. H. Machen, of Virginia. Mr. R. E. Yellowall presided.

Mr. Webb took occasion during the course of his speech to refer to Gen. Robert E. Lee as the greatest man in peace, the greatest man in war and the noblest example of courage, veracity and gentleness. This sentiment was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Letters of regret were received from several gentlemen invited to be present; among them was one from Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; one from Senator Martin, of Virginia, and another from the Hon. W. Bourke Cockran; also from Gov. Montague and Governor-elect Swanson, of Virginia.

The fact of the association holding its banquet last night, December 11, had especial significance, being the twenty-fifth birthday of the association.

Tales of Blood.

Five hundred Russian refugees, many of them eye witnesses of the massacres in Odessa and other Russian cities, disembarked in New York yesterday. Some of them told graphic and pitiful stories of their experiences. Yesterday at Ellis Island declaring that they had been attacked irrespective of religion; that their assailants were led by police disguised in citizens' clothing, and that the massacre were not race persecution but revolution.

One man told what he saw of the Odessa massacre, from its beginning, when two rival parties, met and began to fight. He told how little children were thrown out of high windows, how Russian Christians patrolled the street in large bands protecting Jews, while other bands of men pillaged and murdered. Workmen and students, he said, led the peace parties, while disguised police usually led the hoodlums. After the first two days he and two companions escaped from the city.

Two refugees from Western Russia said that there the Jew killing was started by emptying the jails of prisoners, who attacked and stole from the Jews. A man from the province of Kovno asserted that the police themselves read in the Emperor's proclamation of a constitution an order to kill all Jews and cried this lie through the streets.

Discussed Panama Salaries.

The Senate yesterday discussed the reference of the canal emergency appropriation bill. Mr. Tillman characterized the high salaries paid canal employees as "stealing and graft." Messrs. Hemenway, Hopkins, McComber and Teller said there should be legislation fixing salaries for the canal employees. Mr. Teller said that by legislation Congress had authorized the President to appoint the officers and fix the salaries, and that it was the duty of Congress to pay them. After more than a score of Senators had discussed the Panama canal bill it was referred to the appropriation committee by a vote of 40 to 23.

DIED.

Monday, December 11, at 8 a. m., at the residence of her son-in-law, J. T. Watkins, Mrs. E. M. Bell, widow of the late E. M. Bell, Funeral from her residence, 1010 Queen street, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2:30 p. m. (Washington papers please copy.)

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 12, 1905. The annual election of directors of this bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, January 9, 1906, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock p. m. C. R. HOOFF, President.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., DECEMBER 5, 1905.

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412 N. Patrick—5 rooms, a. m. l. 15 00

128 N. Payne—5 rooms 9 00

322 N. Payne—6 rooms 9 00